



**PAST QUEENS . . .** Six former homecoming queens from North High School will be on hand Friday evening as the Saxons mark their 10th homecoming in the North High Stadium. Shown here are Mrs. Beth Ladd Legus, 1955; Mrs. Sharon Rich McIntyre, 1956; Mrs. Patti Reynolds Little, 1958; Mrs. Judy Taylor Rietsch, 1962; Mrs. Nancy Taylor Hughes, 1959, and Miss Kris Whitley, 1963.

**Grid Night At West**

**Saxons Ready for Tenth Annual Homecoming Fete**

The oldest and the newest of the "new" high schools in Torrance will close their 1964 football seasons Friday evening with a round of special events and ceremonies that may make the actual games only necessary evils.

North High, which celebrated its first "Grid Night" in 1955, will observe its 10th annual homecoming Friday evening. To help remember the past, seven of the past nine Homecoming queens will be on hand. They'll participate in the crowning of the 10th queen.

Leuzinger High School will provide the football opposition for the Saxons, and there'll be plenty of beauty around the stadium.

Saxons will select their homecoming queen from five finalists which include Donna Alexander, Patti David, Diane Grissin, Janice Moore, and Cheryl Wizer. Emel Oyman, exchange student from Turkey, will be an honorary princess.

Following the coronation ceremonies, floats made by each of the classes will be shown. Saxons, their guests, and alumni will dance to the music of the Keynotes Dance Band following the game. The dance will be held in the gymnasium from 9:30 until midnight.

At West High, festivities will center around a "Grid Night" theme with some un-

usual changes in the traditional homecoming calendar.

"Grid Night," sponsored by the senior class, begins at 8 p.m. when the Warriors and El Segundo start their tussel on the football field. During the half-time intermission finalists in the Grid Night King and Queen contests will be introduced.

Her majesty will be named during the half-time. She'll be a senior and one of five girls: Mary DeFussi, Angie Ford, Terry Hunt, Dana Marshall, or Armida Pereya. That's all the West High students know now!

To assist her majesty in the royal duties, the Warriors also will name a Grid Night King. The five finalists include John Cochran, Gary Lloyd, Paul Martin, Rick Rivas, and Dani Thomas.

After the football contest, West High students will attend their first dance in the new gymnasium. "Moonlight and Roses" is the theme for the dance, to begin at 10 p.m. and last until midnight.

**Today's Children Read More, Educator Claims**

"Children read more today than ever before."

So said Roderick McDaniel, director of the Torrance schools Educational Materials Building, at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee.

More than 200 representatives of school, civic, and community organizations attended the meeting, held at the Torrance Recreation Center, to hear a program on literature in the Torrance schools.

Participating with McDaniel in a panel on "Literature in Action" were Mrs. Margaret Collin, curriculum consultant, and Philip Korman, Anza School principal.

Films were also used by Mrs. Collins in a demonstration of activities used by elementary teachers to interest very young children in poetry.

"How does a teacher follow up a motivating movie? According to Mrs. Collins, she might say, 'Today I'm going to read you some of the things we saw in the movie. If you'd like to look at it or read it later, all by yourself, I'll put it on the library table so you may.'"



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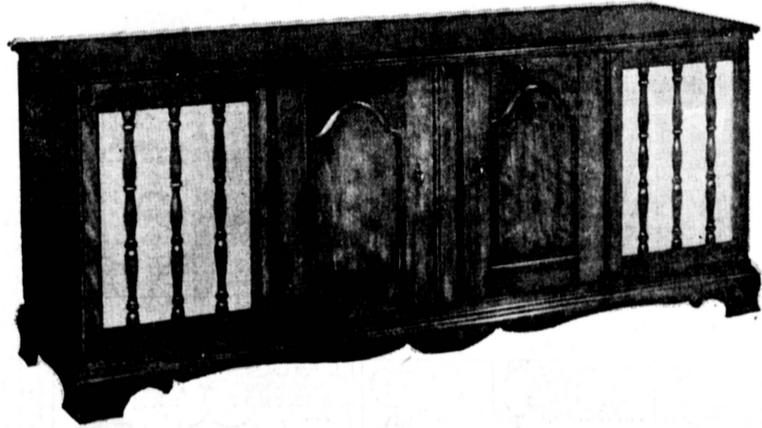
McDaniel attributed the growth of reading by children today to the fact that more children can read proficiently nowadays than in previous generations and the fact that vicarious experiences and interests generated by television are coupled with the burgeoning availability of attractive well-written literature.

He pointed out that the strength of the literature program in Torrance schools lies in the ready availability to each child of "quality, attractive literature for his immediate interests and ability."

Last year, McDaniel noted, the average Torrance teacher checked out of the Educational Materials Building 314 library books, 286 supplementary textbooks, 13 films and 47 other audiovisual items in addition to the approximate 400 state textbooks used in class.

Demonstrating teaching techniques for interesting high school students in good literature, McDaniel showed film clips from a film, "The Sea: Background for Literature" and excerpts from the film "Robert Frost."

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